Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

June 28, 2007

The Honorable George W. Bush President of the United States of America The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We are writing to ask your expedited approval of Governor Rick Perry's federal disaster declaration request, dated June 22, 2007, for the counties affected by the recent severe storms in Texas. The communities affected by the storms stand in serious need of federal assistance, and we fully support the Governor's request.

Beginning on June 16, 2007, a series of heavy storms continue to strike Texas bringing heavy rain and widespread flooding. Texas already experienced major storms earlier in the year, and this most recent ongoing spate of storms is causing severe damage throughout the State. Based on the extent of the damage, federal assistance is in dire need to help these communities recover and also prepare for future storms.

We respectfully urge you to approve the Governor's full request as quickly as possible. We appreciate your consideration of this matter and look forward to working with you in any way to ensure those affected by this disaster get the assistance they need.

Sincerely,

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